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OF THE

LOS ANGELES

JEWISH HOME FOR THE AGED

FOUNDED IN 1912

Amongst the aged people is found wisdom and knowledge. JOB 12.

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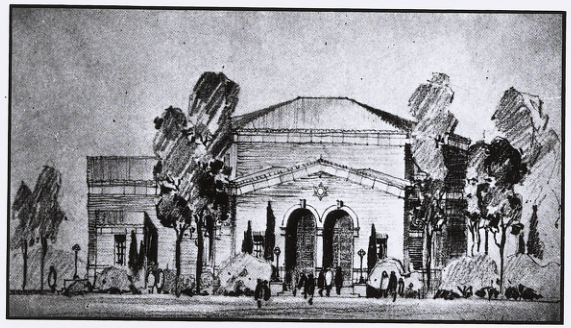
Buildings designed by Max Maltzman



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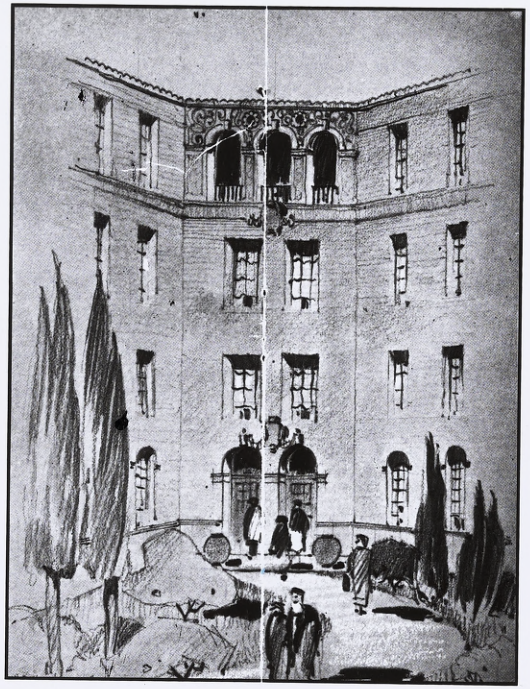
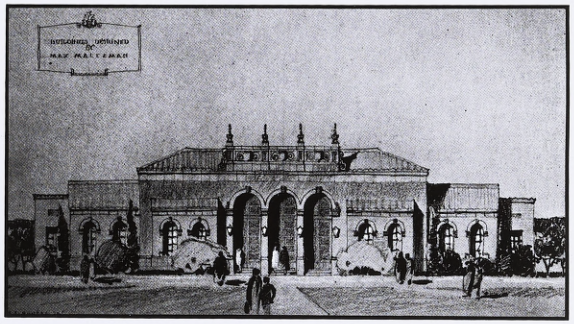


THE DORMITORY

Architectural sketches by Harvin S. Hunter



THE DINING HALL

This is the monument that is about to rise to the glory of Los Angeles Jewry

ABOVE is visualized the dream of these old people of ours . . . a dream that, with your help, is about to come true.

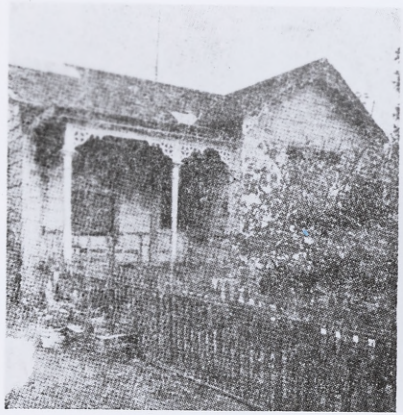
Pictured here is the new dormitory, dining room, and synagog of the Hebrew Sheltering Home for the Aged, as the architect has created it on paper.

Not a sumptuous place . . . but strong, and safe. And commodious. It will house not only the fifty who face expulsion from their present homes, but as many more who now have no home, and who have been waiting so long for admission to this haven.

The cost will be about $150,000. Not a large sum for us in our prosperity to pledge. And, as you shall see, to you, in recompense for your share, shall come permanent honor, and the lasting gratitude of your community.

"THE LIGHT THAT MUST NOT FAIL"

The Ner Tumid, the sacred lamp of our ancestors, was the theme of a brochure for a new expansion program launched by the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aged around 1930, even as the nation entered a depression. The middle pages had these sketches of the proposed synagogue, dormitory and dining hall, all which came to fruition at a cost of about $150,000!



THE FOUNDING MEETING OF THE GUARDIANS

It was on May 16, 1938, as shown in the above photo, that a group of some 100 charitable-minded men concerned with the situation of our local needy Jewish aged, met for dinner at the old Nikabob Restaurant on Western Ave. and laid the foundation for what has become one of the most successful and prestigious auxiliaries in the nation.

From this nucleus they have grown to a combined membership and support group of more than 7,000 and have become the major fund raising arm of the Home.

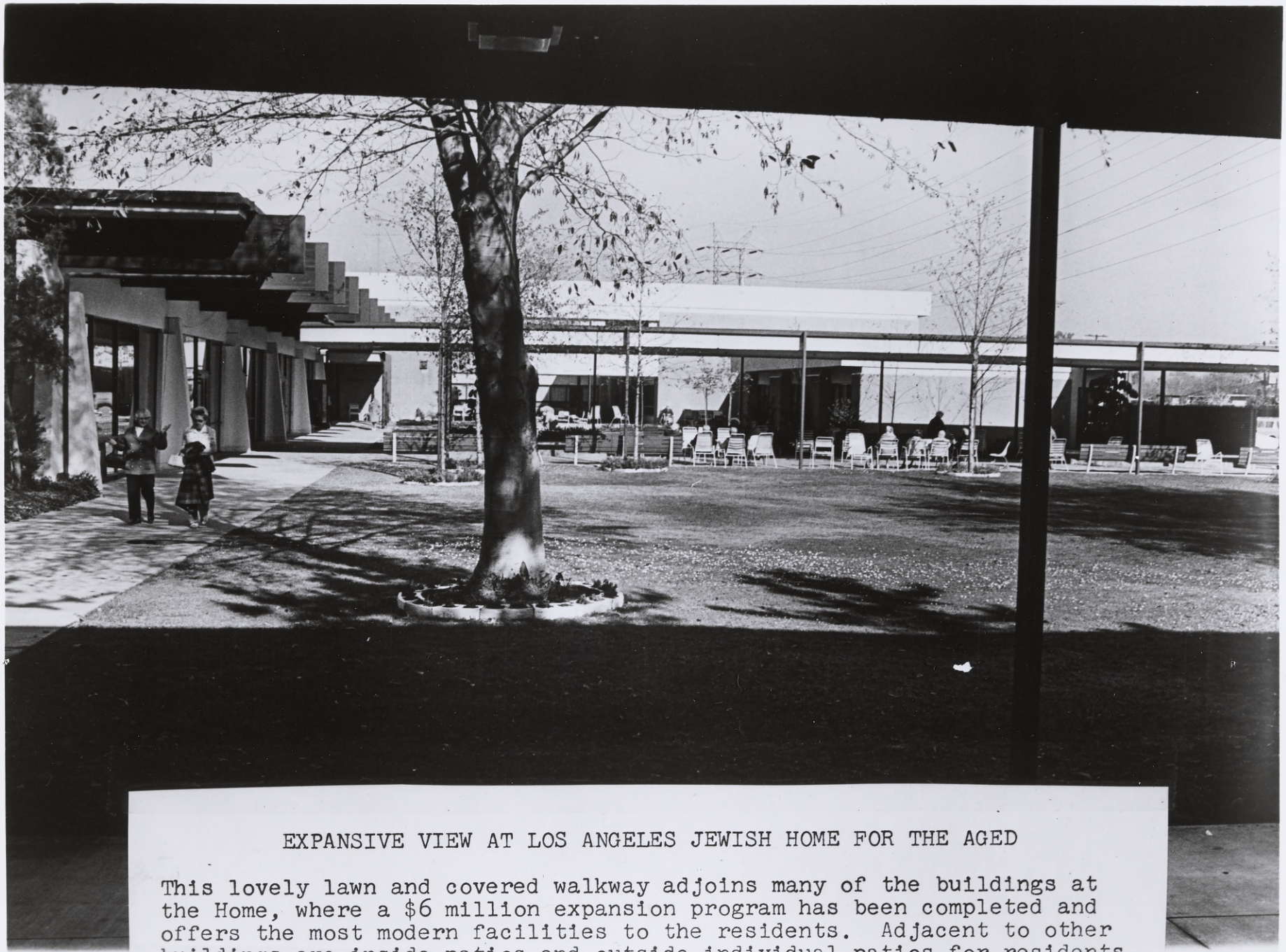
Starting with an initial project of paying off a small mortgage they have over the years raised and transmitted to the Home sums totalling perhaps $15 million for both capital and maintenance purposes.

TRIBUTE TO F.D.R.

A Chanukah pageant in 1944 featured pious patriarchs of the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aged in a memorial tribute to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who had died earlier in the year. His portrait was framed by the "V" for "Victory" symbol of World War II.

VISIT FROM "FIRST LADY"

Later, Eleanor Roosevelt came to the Home and spoke to the residents from the Bimah in their synagogue. She was the guest of Ida Mayer Cummings, for 29 years president of the Home's famed women's auxiliary. Joining the duo was Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin, a supporter of the Home for almost six decades.



EXPANSIVE VIEW AT LOS ANGELES JEWISH HOME FOR THE AGED

This lovely lawn and covered walkway adjoins many of the buildings at the Home, where a $6 million expansion program has been completed and offers the most modern facilities to the residents. Adjacent to other buildings are inside patios and outside individual patios for residents.

THE PAST AND THE PRESENT

Recent election of Ted Zuckerman as president of the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aged is proud moment for his parents, Sadie and H. Lew Zuckerman. They were among the Home's founders in 1912 and, both 90, continue to remain active in key roles with the Home and its Ida Mayer Cummings Auxiliary.

VARIED ACTIVITIES

Arts and crafts workshops and entertainment by and for the residents are part of the daily activities at the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aged.

The "self-help" programs of the aged are augmented by a variety of events ranging from concerts by talented singers and musicians to lectures by authorities on subjects of keen interest to those who live--and enjoy living to the fullest possible extent--at the Home.

1962 DEDICATION OF VALLEY UNIT

The Home's Valley unit was officially dedicated Sept. 23, 1962, with U.S. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel as the keynote speaker. At right is Judge Ben Koenig, then president of the Home, and at left is the legendary Ida Mayer Cummings, who led her famed women's auxiliary for 29 years until her passing in 1968.

PREPARE TO ADD LATEST ADDITIONS TO HOME

President Samuel L. Kaye prepares to sign contracts which insure start of construction in 1972 on the final phases of the master program which has brought more than $6 million worth of new buildings to the Home in the Valley so that it can accommodate 450 residents. Standing from left at the historic ceremony were past presidents H. Lew Zuckerman, Harry B. Seelig, Harry Cooper, Mischa F. Berg (who led the first phase of the building program in 1967), Sol Levine (whose passing in 1975 removed one of the Home's "giant" leaders from our ranks) and Sol's son, Alvin, who preceded Kaye as president.

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THE HOME SERVES THOSE MOST IN NEED OF ITS SERVICES

Admissions Policy of Home Outlined by Director

How does one get into the Home? What are the needs, priorities and requirements?

These and other salient aspects of the Home's admission policies and procedures are summarized by Maurice J. Ostomel, the executive director, in the following article.

Need

The Home is established to serve those most in need of its services, protection and security. Need for the Home can be a reflection of one or more of the following: The applicant is finding it difficult to continue to keep up her little apartment — to shop — clean up; the applicant feels lonely — finds it difficult to travel to activities and to friends; the applicant wants to be where there are programs, activities, outlets for self-expression; the applicant is on a special diet —needs to be checked by the doctor frequently to maintain health; the applicant wants to be with friends or relatives already in the Home; the applicant wants to protect his furure security, especially if he has no children; the applicant is concerned about ongoing health care; the applicant can't live with a child because the applicant wants continuity in Kosher food and the child does not maintain a Kosher Home; the applicant wants to attend synagogue and he will not ride on the Sabbath; a couple want to be together.

OSTOMEL

It must be the applicant's wish to enter the Home. To insure this he must personally sign an application — at the Home itself. Applications are not sent in the mail; but a pre-application to indicate intent can be sent to the applicant or family member.

Priorities

The first priority is given to those who are alone — and in modest circumstances.

The next priority is for those in modest circumstances with children who are also in modest circumstances. An applicant whose children are in modest circumstances and do not live in the Los Angeles area is considered to be virtually alone. Generally speaking, the older the applicant is, the higher he is in priority for admission.

Applications are also taken from an aged person not in the above categories but who would definitely benefit because he or she needs the protection, care and services of the Home.

Requirements

While 65 is technically the minimum age for eligibility, the average applicant is 80 years old; the range varies from the low 70's to over 90. Technically the applicant should be a bonafide resident of this area, having spent at least three (3) years of his life in the Los Angeles metropolitan region, which includes Los Angeles and adjacent counties.

By policy the Home can only process applications for those who physically and mentally can be admitted into one of the two residential buildings. These are the only sections where there are vacancies. In effect this means that the applicant must be able to walk 200 to 300 feet from his room to the main dining room 3 times a day without using a walker or a wheelchair; a cane is allowed. The applicant also must be sufficiently mentally alert not to wander away. Because of present space limitations, the Home is not processing applications from a person requiring nursing care supervision.

***JOINS "BIG SISTER"*—Mollie Rosenkind, 95, welcomes her "kid brother," Louis Montrose, only 92, as a new fellow resident. The nonogenarian siblings enjoy a rich program of activities at the Home, where Montrose already is involved with its synagogue as a vice-president. His sister's multiple volunteer roles have earned her a "Mother of the Year" award**

Assets

All applicants must agree to turn over all their assets to the Home and to sign over their monthly social security and other governmental or pension checks. Each one is given a $15 monthly allowance.

A trust agreement is provided an approved applicant who turns over to the Home more than $1500—the maximum an applicant may have to be eligible for supplemental security income. Most residents of the Home are recipients of this monthly public benefit or of Medi-Cal. The difference between these benefits plus social security represents the deficit in cost of care, which the Home's auxiliaries are helping meet by their splendid fund raising efforts.

The relatives of applicants are asked to provide essential information to the Home about their family composition and economic situation including the furnishing of the latest income tax report. This is necessary so that each relative can be called upon to assume an appropriate financial role and join with other public spirited citizens in helping support the Home.

Procedures

Procedurally, the first step—usually by phone—is to provide basic information about the applicant and his children. Next a report is requested through the applicant from the applicant's doctor. Then a physical examination by the Home's doctors is scheduled and, where necessary, a psychiatric examination. At this time a formal application is filed by the applicant at the Home; such formal application can be taken earlier—if desired. Required information is received from the children of the applicants. A social summary of all this information is presented for review and action by the Home's admissions committee. The staff is then in position to implement the decisions of the committee.

Approved residents must share a room; a congenial companion is found for each such approved person. The limited number of single rooms in the new residential building becomes available on the basis of seniority to residents who have been in the Home for several years.

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For more information call the Home at 881-4411.